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SUBJECT: SECDEF REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION/STANDARDIZATION
WITHIN NATO

1. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER
THE CLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE FOURTH SECDEF "REPORT TO
THE CONGRESS ON RATIONALIZATION/STANDARDIZATION WITHIN
NATO", DATED JANUARY 1978, MIGHT BE PASSED IN WHOLE OR
IN PART TO THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT VIA THE AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO.

2. THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL SPANISH MILITARY INTEREST IN
THIS SUBJECT, AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO GIVE THE SPANISH
AN IDEA OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS AREA WHICH NATO
MEMBERSHIP MIGHT OPEN FOR THEM. IN LIGHT OF THE
INTENSIFICATION OF DISCUSSION WHICH WILL BE OCCURRING
IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WITH THE HOLDING OF THE PLANNED
HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE AN
APPROPRIATE MOMENT TO CONSIDER RELEASING THIS REPORT
TO THE SPANISH, PARTICULARLY IF IT HAS BEEN RELEASED
GENERALLY WITHIN NATO.

3. THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSIONS OF BOTH OF THE LAST TWO
SUCH REPORTS WERE PASSED LAST YEAR THROUGH THE AD HOC
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COMMITTEE AND WE COULD, OF COURSE, CONTINUE IN THAT
VEIN.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FIVE COPIES OF THE
UNCLASSIFIED VERSION, AS WELL AS A SINGLE COPY OF THE
CLASSIFIED VERSION, IF THAT MAY BE PASSED. STABLER

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